



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**CITY OF ANGOLA
PURCHASE OF TRAILER MOUNTED SEWAGE BYPASS PUMP
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #1A
SRF PROJECT # WW 09 23 76 02**

Date: October 31, 2011

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Angola's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1A will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	Purchase of Trailer Mounted Sewage Bypass Pump Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1A City of Angola 210 N. Public Square Angola, IN 46703
SRF Project Number:	WW 09 23 76 02
Authorized Representative:	The Honorable Richard M. Hickman, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Angola is located in Steuben County.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

In 1990, the city purchased a 58 HP diesel engine pump to provide emergency service for sanitary sewer lift stations and for flooding issues. That pump no longer has the capacity to provide emergency bypass pumping in the event of a failure of the lift station. Rentals are available but the closest provider is more than three hours away, and once mobilization and set-up are factored in, initiation of bypass pumping will generally take more than 12 hours from the time the need is identified. Purchase of a trailer mounted sewage bypass pump will allow the wastewater utility to respond quickly to lift station failures and minimize the chances of releasing untreated wastewater into the environment.

The new bypass pump has been sized to provide the necessary capacity and head capabilities to provide bypass pumping for all 20 of the city's lift stations. In addition to its use for lift station failures, it will allow maintenance staff the flexibility to conduct preventive maintenance on the lift stations, reducing the likelihood of failures and releases of untreated wastewater to the environment.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

- A. Angola's Common Council has received quotations and awarded the purchase to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, pending approval from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. The total bid was \$58,051.74.
- B. The proposed project will be funded with its existing SRF loan, which the city closed on September 15, 2009.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The acquisition will have no physical impact on the environment. Consistent with the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held on September 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm in at City Hall, 210 North Public Square. No comments were received.